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December 5, 2005

Mr. Roger C. Adams
Office of the Pardon Attorney
U.S. Department of Justice
500 First Street, N.W., Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Adams:

I write to you today with respect to a pardon application that has been filed with your office by [REDACTED]

Enclosed, please find a letter written to me by a long-time friend and member of the Virginia General Assembly for whom I have the highest regard - Delegate Harry R. (Bob) Purkey. In his correspondence to me, Delegate Purkey notes his long affiliation with the [REDACTED] family - a connection that spans 40 years. Delegate Purkey also encloses a number of letters in support of [REDACTED] application for a pardon.

While I do not personally know [REDACTED] I have known Delegate Purkey well for approximately a quarter of a century. I know him to be an excellent legislator and an outstanding individual. For these reasons, within the bounds of current federal law and regulation, I ask that you please consider Delegate Purkey's letter and his attached correspondence when reviewing [REDACTED] application. I appreciate your attention to this matter.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,



John Warner

JW/cjy
Enclosure

cc: Delegate Harry R. Purkey



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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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HARRY R. (BOB) PURKEY
2352 LEEWARD SHORE DRIVE
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EIGHTY-SECOND DISTRICT

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October 28, 2005

The Honorable John W. Warner
United States Senate
225 Russell Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Warner:

Enclosed you will find letters attesting to the sterling character of [REDACTED] I was certain that others felt as I did about [REDACTED]

I have had the pleasure and honor of knowing [REDACTED] parents for 40 years. Virginia has no finer citizens. My wife went to high school with [REDACTED] mother.

While I did not have close continued contact with [REDACTED] I have with his parents. [REDACTED] learned honor and integrity from loving parents.

The enclosed letters paint a clear picture of a person who always has and always will place honor and integrity at the top of his character traits.

I have interviewed several hundred superb employment applicants over the years. It never ceased to amaze me how some of our nation's brightest young people were so very naive in their early years. Some were far too trusting of some older associates. Too often youngsters from loving, trusting, and caring environments are not prepared from some of those who take advantage of others.

I believe that [REDACTED] fell into this category. He may have made a mistake. But, [REDACTED] would never make a mistake involving integrity. He simply knew better.

Please render all possible assistance in helping to remove this blot from [REDACTED] name.

Thank you for your assistance. I wholeheartedly support your efforts.

Respectfully,

Harry R. (Bob) Purkey

Thank you!

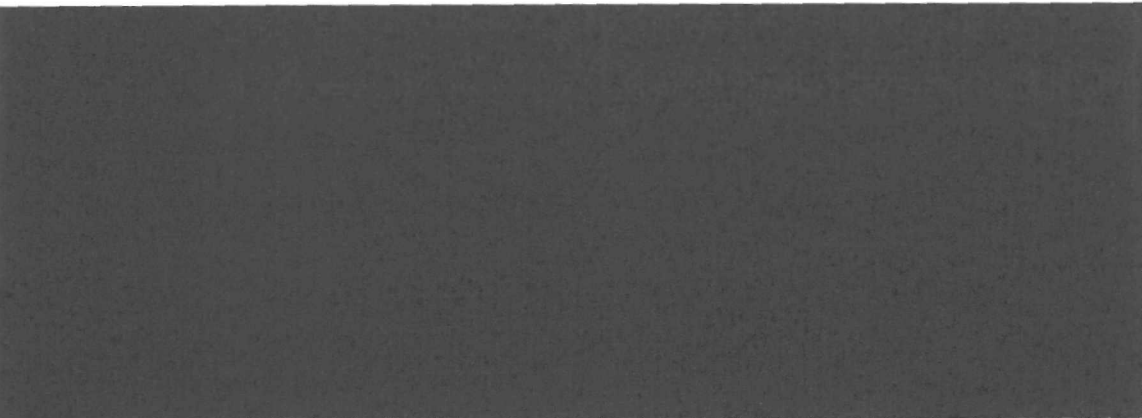
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The Honorable Harry R. Purkey
2352 Leeward Shore Drive
Virginia Beach, BA 23451

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Delegate Purkey,

I am writing to you to ask your assistance in addressing a painful issue regarding my son-in-law, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was found guilty of a felony in [REDACTED] and wants to petition for a presidential pardon.



[REDACTED] has been an integral part of our family for over 12 years, after marrying my daughter, [REDACTED] and has influenced all of us with his integrity, his work ethic, his sense of responsibility and the innate traits that make him a wonderful husband, father and person. I can assure you that he is the kind of man that any parent would want their daughter to marry, and I feel very fortunate that he is a part of our family. He was reared in a closely knit family, and, as many of us who were fortunate enough to live in families with the values noted, grew up trusting that others with whom he interacted also were honest. Unfortunately, that sense of honesty and trust did not serve him well, at least in this situation. He completed his [REDACTED] after leaving [REDACTED] and had been promoted to Vice President at the [REDACTED], opening several campuses for them. He, of course, had to resign when found guilty, after being with them for six years.

As you might expect, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] have depleted all savings, retirement plans and investments in providing counsel for his defense. [REDACTED] has, however, been working two jobs, as a realtor, and in an online program providing study guides, for the past year to provide for his family. [REDACTED] has returned to work, as well, out of necessity, although their wish was that their two [REDACTED] would have a fulltime parent to care for and rear them.

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This has been a devastating experience for all of us associated with [REDACTED] as none of his family or friends have ever endured anything like this. He has the full support, love, and belief in his innocence from everyone who knows him.

I appreciate your help. Please feel free to contact me for any additional information.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Colorado Springs, CO 80906

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
Norfolk, Va 23505

Honorable Harry R. Purkey
2352 Leeward Shore Dr.
Virginia Beach, Va. 23451

October 22, 2005

Dear Bob,

I am writing on behalf of my nephew, [REDACTED], whose situation has been brought to your attention.

[REDACTED] has always been thoughtful in words and deeds. He has been a fantastic father to his two young [REDACTED] a prince of a husband, and a pride and joy to his parents and extended family. [REDACTED] is a very loyal and trustworthy person. He has always been accepting of others with different backgrounds and cultures. Being negative or judgmental is not part of his persona.

My nephew is very special to his family and to all those who know him. [REDACTED] has always been the one to remember special family occasions even when he was hundreds of miles away and under a great deal of stress. Having no children of my own, his thoughtfulness has always been precious to me and my husband.

There is no one who deserves to continue contributing to society more than [REDACTED]. To have even one black cloud over this young man's future is undeserved.

While I am his Aunt, I know of no one who would not say the same about [REDACTED]

Anything you can do to have that "cloud" removed would be so gratefully appreciated.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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focusing on working with our Enrollment Counselors as well as giving presentations to prospective students.

While [REDACTED] continues to market its educational program across country through in-home enrollments as we've done for 20 years, we are also now working through schools, businesses, and chambers of commerce to reach more people who want to increase their knowledge, productivity, and earning potential through more education, without their having to spend a bunch of money and having to attend class. [REDACTED] is here to meet the demands of future education: Education at the speed of the Internet can shorten a person's path to a higher education.

When I first hired [REDACTED] he was up-front with his situation. He also has worked hard for my company, and although I know it will take some time and effort to expand our program, I am confident in [REDACTED] ability to play a major role in that growth. He has always been open, honest, and hardworking.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope this helps [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
CEO


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Virginia Beach Va. 23451



October 24, 2005


The Honorable Harry R. Purkey
2352 Leeward Shore Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Dear Delegate Purkey:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to write a letter on behalf of 
who is in need of support in the state of Colorado.


I feel eminently qualified to attest to  character, because I have known him
since he was born. The  children and mine, who lived across the street
from each other, played together for over 15 years and continue to be the closest
of friends to this day. Throughout that time, I have watched  grow from a
child into a man and now into a father of two.

Throughout all of this,  has been a model individual, and the least likely of
any of our children to be in any sort of trouble. In fact, I cannot remember a time
when he did anything wrong. He did well in school, joined the boy scouts,
played multiple sports and pursued a  which led to a
high level job.

It is most likely that  legal troubles are the result of unfortunate
circumstances and perhaps some naiveté. However, I believe that his honesty,
integrity, and flawless character should more than make up for this.

Thanks very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,





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U. S. Department of Justice

Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

JAN 10 2006

The Honorable John Warner
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warner:

This is in response to your letter of December 5, 2005 concerning a pardon application filed by [REDACTED]. With your letter, you enclosed a letter supporting a pardon for [REDACTED] from Delegate Harry R. (Bob) Purkey of Virginia Beach. Delegate Purkey indicates that his family has known [REDACTED] family for some time.

[REDACTED] was convicted of conspiracy in the District of Colorado and, according to the information he has provided to my office, was sentenced to a term of probation on [REDACTED]. In accordance with § 1.2 of the Rules Governing Petitions for Executive Clemency, a copy of which I have enclosed for your convenience, [REDACTED] is not eligible to apply for a pardon until February [REDACTED]. As is my usual practice when I receive an application for a pardon from a person before the five-year waiting period has expired, I am currently considering whether to grant a waiver of the remaining time. In deciding whether a waiver is appropriate in [REDACTED] case, I will take Delegate Purkey's letter into account. I will inform [REDACTED] when I make my decision on that issue, but you and Delegate Purkey should know that waivers are very rarely granted, and it is usually to a pardon applicant's advantage to wait the full five years before applying.

I hope the preceding is of assistance to you and Delegate Purkey. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney

Enclosure

JOHN WARNER
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June 7, 2007

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Mr. William E. Moschella
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legislative Affairs
U. S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Rm. 1145
Washington, D.C. 20530-0009

Dear Mr. Moschella:

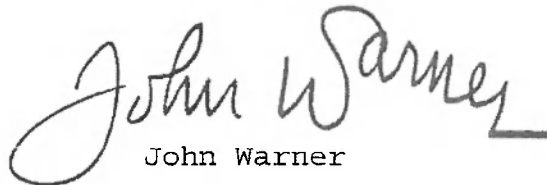
Attached is an e-mail message which I have received from Mr. William Ramsey regarding his desire to obtain restoration of his gun privileges following a federal conviction in 1953 for car theft-Dyer Act.

I would appreciate it if you would review this matter and provide me with the benefit of your comments.

Thank you for your assistance.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


John Warner

JW/cc

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Snapshot Report: Incoming Constituent Message

Report Date: 6/5/2007

Staff: jem
Address To: General
Name: Mr. William Ramsey
Address: [REDACTED]
Danville VA 24540 USA
Email: [REDACTED]@yahoo.com **URL**
Home Phone: [REDACTED] **Cell Phone:**
Work Phone: [REDACTED] **Fax:**
Salutation: Dear Mr. Ramsey: **In Type:** EML **Polling:**
Interest: CASE **Organization:** **Reply Ltr:**
Classification: **Personal:** **Letter:**
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Message Body:**Date Received:** 6/2/2007 8:24:14 AM

mr. warner sir. i was convicted in a va. court in 1951 for a felony[forgery] i have been given clemency from the gov. of va. and all rights have been restored.
i have a federal conviction in louisville,ky. in 1953[car theft-dyer act which is holding back my restoration of gun rights. i am now 73 years of age. i can not afford an attorney. and a good citizen. i have applied for a presidential pardon but it seems like that will be awhile. i understand that restoration of gnn rights can be restored even without a presidential pardon. if this is not true, then i will just have to wait state restoration of gun rights have been. i would like to go hunting but also i am not a violent person and never have been. any help or consideration is greatly appreciated. ty kindly.
william ramsey



U. S. Department of Justice

Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

JUL 18 2007

The Honorable John Warner
United States Senator
1003 First Union Bank Building
213 South Jefferson Street
Roanoke, VA 24011-1714

Dear Senator Warner:

This is in reply to your letter of June 7, 2007, forwarding a copy of an e-mail message from your constituent, Mr. William Ramsey, and inquiring about the status of Mr. Ramsey's application for presidential pardon of his 1953 Dyer Act conviction in order to remove his federal firearms disabilities.

Mr. Ramsey's pardon request, which was filed on April 4, 2007, is currently under consideration, and your letter and its enclosure have been made part of his executive clemency file. Currently, a presidential pardon is the only means by which a person convicted of a felony offense under federal law may obtain relief from federal firearms disabilities. While the states sometimes restore various rights that persons have lost due to a federal conviction, a federal criminal statute makes unlawful Mr. Ramsey's possession of a firearm unless he receives a Presidential pardon. The pardon process frequently is lengthy, and we are unable to advise any applicant when he may expect a decision concerning his clemency request. Please be assured, however, that we will notify Mr. Ramsey promptly when the President has taken final action on his pardon application.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney

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April 17, 2002

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Mr. Daniel J. Bryant
Assistant Attorney General for Office
of Legislative Affairs
Office of Legislative Affairs, Room 1145
U. S. Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Bryant:

I am writing to bring the enclosed comments from Mr. [REDACTED], on behalf of his client, Mr. [REDACTED] to your attention.

I would appreciate your review of, and response to, the request made by [REDACTED]. Please send your reply to my Abingdon district office.

My constituents and I appreciate your assistance in this matter. I am grateful for all you can do to respond to this matter within the laws, rules, and regulations of the Department of Justice.

Thank you for your time and courtesy.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


John Warner

JW/cmg

Enclosure

Please reply to the office indicated: Washington ☐ Richmond ☐ Roanoke ☐ Abingdon ☐ Norfolk ☐

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[REDACTED]
A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] VA [REDACTED]
February 20, 2002

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
TELEPHONE
[REDACTED]
FAX
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Honorable John W. Warner
600 East Main Street
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator Warner:

I herewith enclose a copy of a letter that I forwarded to your Washington office on January 18, 2002. I would appreciate receiving a response as soon as possible.

With best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]

TRS/arr

cc: The Honorable John W. Warner
United States Senate
225 Russell Bldg
Washington DC 20510
[REDACTED]

January 15, 2002

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The Honorable John Warner
United States Senate
Russell Bldg. 225
Washington DC 20510

Re: [REDACTED]

Dear Senator Warner:

I represent [REDACTED] in connection with his request for a presidential pardon or restoration of his civil rights. The primary purpose of Mr. [REDACTED] request is to enable him to vote and bear arms.

[REDACTED]

As you may know, the Commonwealth of Virginia has a procedure by which the Governor can restore an individual's civil rights, which would permit that individual, *inter alia*, to bear arms (primarily for hunting purposes) and vote. Unfortunately, however, I do not believe that the Virginia procedure, even if followed, would have any bearing if the individual's conviction was in federal court.

It is my understanding that the United States has a similar procedure which requires, *inter alia*, an investigation and recommendation by the ATF. However, I have learned that the ATF apparently takes the position that such investigations have not been funded and, thus, there is effectively no procedure for restoration of an individual's civil rights short of a presidential pardon.

At this juncture, I respectfully request your assistance to enable Mr. [REDACTED] to secure a presidential pardon. Of course, if my understanding regarding the procedure for restoration of one's civil rights by the federal government is incorrect, I am certain that you will advise me accordingly.

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The Honorable John Warner
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January 18, 2002

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

With best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,



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cc:





U. S. Department of Justice

Pardon Attorney

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Washington, D.C. 20530

MAY 29 2002

The Honorable John Warner
United States Senator
235 Federal Building
Post Office Box 887
Abingdon, Virginia 24212-0887

Dear Senator Warner:

This responds to your letter of April 17, 2002, forwarding correspondence from your constituent, [REDACTED] who writes to request an application for presidential pardon for his client, [REDACTED]

We are enclosing a pardon application that you may provide to Mr. [REDACTED]. The form may be photocopied, and may also be found on our website, www.usdoj.gov/pardon. It should be carefully and fully completed in accordance with the "Rules Governing Petitions for Executive Clemency" and the "Information and Instructions on Pardons," copies of which are included with the application form and may also be found on our website. Only federal convictions are subject to presidential pardon, and a minimum waiting period of five years after conviction or release from confinement, whichever is later, is required before a pardon application may be accepted. See Section 1.2 of the "Rules" and paragraphs two and three of the "Information and Instructions." The completed form should be returned to this office for processing and need not be filed in duplicate.

Federal firearms disabilities imposed solely by reason of a federal felony conviction are removed by a full and unconditional presidential pardon. A pardon is an indication of forgiveness, and ordinarily is granted in recognition of the applicant's acceptance of responsibility for the crime and established good citizenship for a significant period of time after conviction or completion of sentence. Notwithstanding the limited purpose for which Mr. [REDACTED] desires a pardon, there are no special or truncated procedures for applying for a pardon to restore firearms privileges. He will be expected to meet the same high standards of character and reputation generally required of all pardon applicants, which are determined by means of a thorough investigation into an applicant's background and his activities since the conviction.

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Mr. [REDACTED] should consult with appropriate state authorities concerning the effect of a presidential pardon upon firearms disabilities imposed by state law as a result of a federal felony conviction.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney

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July 27, 2006

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Mr. William E. Moschella
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Dear Mr. Moschella:

I am writing to bring to your attention the enclosed comments from my constituent, Mr. [REDACTED] regarding his application for a Presidential Pardon.

I would appreciate your reviewing this correspondence and preparing a reply on the stated concerns. Please send your reply in duplicate to my office:

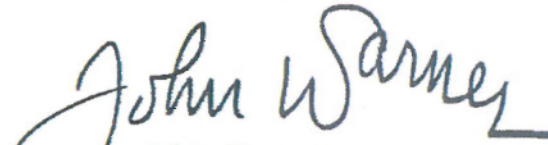
The Honorable John W. Warner
225 Senate Russell Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

My constituent and I appreciate your assistance in this matter. I am grateful for all you can do to resolve this matter within the existing laws, rules and regulations of the Department of Justice.

Thank you for your time and courtesy.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,


John Warner

JW/jem

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A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

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FAX

July 10, 2006

Senator John Warner
225 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

RE:

Dear Senator Warner:

I represent Mr. [REDACTED] with regard to his application for Presidential Pardon. I am enclosing a copy Mr. [REDACTED] Petition for Pardon After Completion of Sentence and [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] and I are asking for any help you can offer in order for Mr. [REDACTED] to obtain a Presidential Pardon. Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated. Should you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With best regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

TRS/tw
Enclosures

cc. [REDACTED]



U. S. Department of Justice

Pardon Attorney

Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable John W. Warner
United States Senate
225 Senate Russell Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Warner:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 2006, concerning your constituent, [REDACTED] who has applied for a Presidential pardon. With your letter, you enclosed a copy of Mr. [REDACTED] pardon petition and a letter from his attorney, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] pardon petition was received in my office on July 17, 2006, and is currently under review. We will be in contact with Mr. [REDACTED] concerning this matter in the near future.

I appreciate your interest in Mr. [REDACTED] case.

Sincerely,

Roger C. Adams
Pardon Attorney